THE WEEK'S PLAYBILL

Columbia-J. K. Hackett's Company. | Belasco-Guy Standing Company. Hackett will enter upon his special en- son at the Belasco Theater to-morrow gagement at the Columbia Theater with night, appearing with the newly organized the first of the series of elaborate re- Belasco stock company in Isaac Hendervivals which he intends presenting Wash- son's society comedy of English life, "The ington playgoers during May, the open- Mummy and the Humming Bird." The ing bill for the initial week being Edward return of this star for the summer season Rose's charming romantic play, "The will undoubtedly be the occasion for a the Anthony Hope novel of the same approval during the week, for Mr. ance in Washington of Mr. Hackett in popular players who ever appeared before chorus will be a feature of the perthe roles of the Englishman, and his a Washington audience. counterpart, the King, which he inter- "The Mummy and the Humming Bird" Sapt, the loyal old soldier who so closely resembled Bismarck.

The play is in a prologue and four acts. The prologue transpires in a Lon- wife of Lord Lumley, the "mummy" don drawing-room of the eighteenth cenwith swords, wigs, and patches-the suppressed excitement and suggestions of in-The love scenes in the play proper are here in a similar capacity the summer beexquisite in their beauty and tenderness, and the extraordinary popularity of this play when originally presented in Eng-land and America is easily understood when one finds it so brimful of everything captivating in the region of romance and imagination. The story re-lates the adventures of Rassendyll while impersonating Rudolf V of Ruritania, whom he was connected by descent, and to whom he bore remarkable resemblance. The King having been drugged on the eve of his coronation, and, being subsequently held a prisoner in the Castle of Zenda by his relative, Balek Michael, aided by Rupert of Hentzau and other Rassendyll assumes ruler's place, and with the help of Col. Sapt and Fritz von Tarlenheim, holds it three months, finally restoring the monarch, Michael being killed, with all knowing the secret of Rassendyll's identity except Rupert of Hentzau, who escapes. Meanwhile, during his occupancy of

of sacrificing love for duty. Rudolf rethe ruler's bride, the only communica- cliff Automobile Races." tion which continues between her and the Englishman being that once a year the Queen send sendyll a rose by the with a word of greeting, he like from him. The play will be presented with a prologue, actor, will toeay Mathews, Lon Carter, John Dugan, David Harper, Henry Ames, Frederick tists. Holmes, John Homer, and Robert Orr.

opera, will take the place of the grand prime successes. opera contingent who opened the season. The offering for the eighth performance, starting Monday night, will be B .Smith and Victor Herbert, in which for the Aborn management here formerly, bitious to become a sculptor; he falls in from one city to another, according to their individual fitness for certain parts, colleen. She refuses him as she is almond Hitchcock, and later won success gagement. Dion, thinking she is already with the Shuberts' production of "The married, meets her at a ball given at the Messrs. Aborn predict a brilliant future, Mr. O'Hara will be introduced during the and a former Washington girl, whose play, chief of which are "My Mary's a distinct hit as the mischievous boy acts represent scenes in the Wickley apprentice, Aydos, in the revival made the Aborns of this opera in New York recently, will have the same part here. Frank Rushworth, the handsome young tenor, who has been a prominent member in the casts of many Broadway successes, most recent of which was "A Waltz Dream," will be the Ptarmigan; Greta Risley, as Simoona, will have the same part she played with Daniels; Henry Vogel, the comedian who demonstrated his ability with Jefferson de Angelis in "The Girl and the Governor," will have the whimsical character of King Ptolemy; Forrest Huff, the well-known barytone, formerly with Lulu Glaser, Blanche Ring, and other prominent stars, will be cast as Cheops; Miriam Norris will appear as Odeliska. Hester Collins as Merza, and C. W. Phillips as the Captain. The wellchosen chorus will continue to show to good advantage in Herbert's charming music, and an elaborate equipment of scenery and costumes is promised.

The Gayety-Burlesque.

The Gayety Theater will offer as this week's bill "The Bachelor Club." The production given by this company is said to be a most spectacular one, including as it does many startling electrical effects entirely original. The show consists of two burlesques, interwoven with many excellent vaudeville acts. The leading comedy roles are in the hands of Harry Hastings, Tom Coyne, Ralph Ash, and the Gotham Comedy Four. Viola Sheldon, a singer of fame, and Mile. Alds and company in a bronze statue act are two of the extra offerings.

To-morrow evening Mr. James K. Guy Standing will open the summer sea-

preted so successfully at the Lyceum is the selection for the initial week of the Theater twelve years ago that the play stock company season, for it affords splenwas extended for an entire season's run did roles to all the members of the organiin the metropolis, even after the younger zation. Mr. Standing was the most promi-Sothern had taken it on the road. Simi- nent member of the celebrated cast which larly Mr. Carl Ahrendt will to-morrow supported Mr. Drew, and his interpretanight return to his original role of Col. tion of the "humming bird" in the original Tuesday afternoon, a good attendinal production is regarded as one of his ance of members was present and a deattempts an intrigue with Lady Lumley. the title, who derives this peculiar sobritury, where the lighted candles, and the quet because of his ardent devotion to movement of personages in gold laces, scientific pursuits. During the coming coats, and knee breeches of the period, week Mr. Standing will appear as Lord Lumley, while his original characteriza tion of the Italian will be essayed by Martin Sabine, a prominent English actor who trigue and mystery-immediately excites recently appeared with him in "The Right interest which is heightened in the fol- of Way." For leading woman, Mr. Standlowing acts, all of which transpire in the ing will again have Miss Dorothy Hamcourt, castles, and forests of the fanciful mond, who was received with great favor kingdom of Ruritania a century later. by local audiences when she appeared to prepare the golf course and general

> fore last. Among the other members of the newly recruited Belasco stock company who will make their bid for popular approval are days, and as usual with the summer stock company season at the Belasco, popular

Chase's-Polite Vaudeville.

the throne, the Princess Flavia, the Wills, Ida Fuller, Carlyle Moore, Ethelyn rapidly as possible. ponderating, the list comprising Nat King's cousin and designated bride, has Palmer and company, the Countess to be King, and he with her. Rudolf and Flavia bow finally to the necessity and her Whirlwind Arabs, Jennings and were held at the office of the secretary, Renfrew, Martin brothers, and the mo-tion pictures of the latest hit. "The Brian-than which time additional names of appliturns to England and Flavia becomes tion pictures of the latest hit, "The Briar-Nat Wills is one of Chase's biggest at-

tractions. He has just concluded his the larger meeting. starring tour of the regular theaters in "A Lucky Dog," which was the successor in of his first success, "A Son of Rest." which Mr. Hackett interprets the Red Mr. Wills is reported as having the fun-Elphberg, heir apparent to the throne, niest monologue of his career, and he is and twenty-five players have been spe- adding to its humor by appearing in his engaged for the production. Miss uniquely comic tramp make-up. He has Mabel Roebuck, one of the late Augustin new songs, fresh stories, the latest brand sand members of the 150,000 Club of So-Daly's proteges, who played important of anecdotes, and parodles galore, one parts in support of Ada Rehan up to the of them, "Who Are You Getting At, Eh?" time of Mr. Daly's death, and has since been seen here in support of Faversham.

Willard, and other well-known stars, will traction, and this priestess of fire and to become their guest on his first hunting have the role of the Princess Flavia, flame illusions, who has been the talk trip, or outing, after he has surrendered while the strong dramatic character of of Europe for a number of years, will the reins of government. Mme. Antoinette de Mauban, who loves
Black Michael, but, fearful of losing
him, counterplots against his own
schemes, will be intrusted to Miss Nina
Morris. Another interesting feature of
the regival is the fact that Mr. Carl has new sensation is witnessed. She is
the reins of government.

Secretary Loeb writes in reply that the
invitation will be submitted to the President at the earliest moment. Mr. Jones
is of the opinion that the invitation will
the regival is the fact that Mr. Carl has new sensation is witnessed. She is the revival is the fact that Mr. Carl her new sensation is witnessed. She is be accepted, and that Mr. Roosevelt will morrow night return to his original role Monte Carlo in the grand operas, "Meof Col. Sapt. the old soldier of Bisphistopheles" and "The Damnation of marckian mold. Mr. Arthur Hoops will Faust," in which her creations are given Dorothy Hammack, as Countess von latest comedy success, "The Man's the Strofzin; Miss Marie Lewis, as Countess Thing," will be the third important of von Riesberg, and the other roles will be interpreted by Messrs. David G. Bur-Ethelyn Palmer company should make a ton, Claus Bogel, T. C. Diers, J. Clean- profoundly agreeable impression, rememope. With Mr. Paula, a well-known A coterie of singers and comedians se-her Whirlwind Arabs should prove an such a lavish hand." lected for the second week of the Aborn exhilarating number, and Jennings and Opera Company at the New National.

Chosen for their proficiency in comic of favorites. The other acts are rated as

The Academy-Fiske O'Hara.

Fiske O'Hara, the young Irish tenor, "The Wizard of the Nile," by Harry with his rellicking laugh and laughing blue eyes, will begin his annual en-Frank Daniels made his memorable hit, gagement at the Academy to-morrow The cast for this opera will come all evening. Mr. O'Hara has a new Irish most intact from Baltimore, where an- play, entitled "Dion O'Dare." As the other Aborn organization has been presenting the same opera for a week. The policy that resulted in so much success or the Aborn management here formerly. O'Dare is a young Irish lad who is amwill be pursued, alternating the various ready engaged to another. O'Dare leaves artists between the Aborn Opera Com- Ireland and goes to Italy, where he repanys in Washington, Baltimore, Phila- mains for several years and finally redelphia, New York, and other cities.

Charles W. Meyer, the comedian who played the title role in "King Dodo" for meantime the wife of the young lady's two seasons, in which he succeeded Ray- fiancee turns up and she breaks her en-Tourists," will have the central character Royal Castle in Dublin, and after many of Kibosh, the bogus wizard. Rene Diet- complications he finally wins his sweetrich, a young vocal discovery, for whom heart of old. A number of new songs by delightful coloratura soprano has been Heart Is Irish," a pretty child's song, enheard in concert here before, will be titled "See-Saw," and Mr. O'Hara's own cast for the prima donna part of Cleo- version of Ireland's favorite song "Mapatra, in which she has met with success vourneen." Mr. Blaney has given Mr. elsewhere. Fritzle yon Busing, who made O'Hara a fine production. The first three

Mountains and the last the famous blue and gold ballroom of the lord lieutenant governor of Ireland. The usual matinees will be given

The Lyceum-Burlesque,

"Toreadors," appearing at the The Lyceum Theater this week, is an entirely new organization. A two-act musical concoction will be offered, and in addition to this several good vaudeville specialties that are calculated to please the taste will be given. Among the principals introduced during the show are Prisoner of Zenda," which is founded on series of noteworthy demonstrations of Mildred Velmore, Al Bruce, Jack Kingston, Billy Cook, Garden and Somers name. It will also mark the first appear- Standing is undoubtedly one of the most and Vick Hyde. A large and attractive formance

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and Committee Goes Ahead. At a meeting of the new Washington Country Club, held at the New Willard premost achievements. This is the role cided interest in the club was manifested. of Signor d'Orelli, an Italian artist, who The committee on organization had agreed that no definite move in the way of preparations of the ground or a clubhouse should be made until \$10,000 had been subscribed.

Applications for membership have been coming in steadily during the last two weeks, and at the meeting at the New Willard the balance necessary to make up the \$10,000 was subscribed. This assures the success of the club, and the committee on organization was instructed plans for a clubhouse.

The club grounds are located on the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad, about twelve minutes from town, and the Miss Vira Stowe, a pretty and talented ingenue whom Charles Frohman hails as of about 500 feet above tidewater, and "find;" Frank Craven, an excellent commands an extensive view, perhaps character actor; Roy Fairchild, to whom has been assigned the juvenile role; Alfred the District of Columbia. It is planned Hudson, sr., one of the most experienced to erect a building immediately that can comedians now before the public, and be temporarily used as a clubhouse, so many others. The advance demand for that the members can have the use of be temporarily used as a clubhouse, so seats has been unusually heavy. Matinees the club during the summer. The club will be given on Wednesdays and Satur-grounds will be prepared as rapidly as possible for an eighteen-hole course. This can be done quickly, owing to the fine sod on the entire eighty-five acres of land, which has not been disturbed in bout twenty years, having been used Chase's this week will present a pro-gramme of polite vaudeville features, for cattle. The plans for stables, a garwith the laughable elements largely pre- age, bowling alleys, billiard tables, and other accessories of a country club are under way, and they will be installed as

On Thursday evening meetings of the cants for membership were approved and plans were formulated for carrying out wishes of the club as expressed at

INVITE ROOSEVELT TO HUNT.

Spokane Club Sends Greetings to the President.

pecial to The Washington Herald. kane have joined Arthur W. Jones, sec-

contract to appear annually at be the guest of the club late in March or

Mr. Jones said in his letter that "while be seen as Capt Hentzau; F. Newton Lindo, as Lord Topham; Brigham Royce, as Black Michael; Miss Emily Lorraine. Her present production is in three scenes, and it is described as beautiful and aweas Frau Teppich, wife of Franz; Miss inspiring in the extreme. Cecil de Mille's velt as the citizen, and it is as such that adding:

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Miss Dorothy Hammond Here.

Among the local favorites engaged for the summer season who have arrived from New York are Miss Dorothy Hammond, who will be Mr. Standing's leading woman; Martin Sabine, Frank Craven, Vira Stowe, Hazel Lowry, Averell Harris, Nicholas Judels, Alfred Hudson, jr., Gertrude Doremus, and Herbert Parker. Mr. Page has just signed contracts with Ralph Kellard and Miss Jane Cowl, now appearing with David Warfield, and who will come to. Washington immediately after the close of the season of "The Music Master" at the new Stuyvesant Theater. in New York, next Saturday night. Several of the players who have signed to the stock companies Mr. Page in connection with his local enterprise will be seen at the Belasco during the summer season, changing places oc-casionally with members of the other

companies Something of a Dog.

From Harper's Weekly. The Lady-Is he a thoroughbred? The Owner-Thoroughbred is ut? Shure mum; his pedigree is that long that if he wuz a human bein' he'd be wan o' the crowned heads o' Europe. Letters of Credit.

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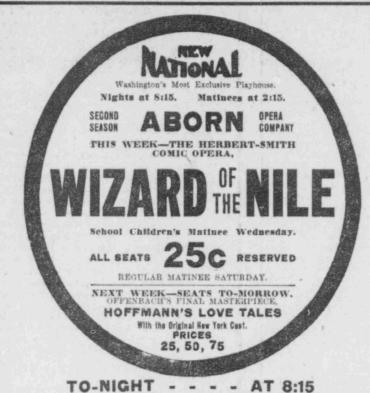
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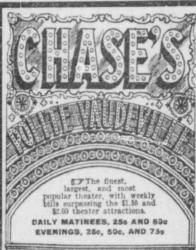
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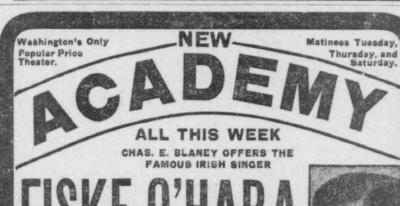
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